

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 28, 2000, with claims 1-48. New claims 49-52 were added in a Preliminary Amendment filed by Applicants on June 16, 2000. In an Amendment filed May 19, 2004, claims 14, 15 and 49-52 were canceled, and new claims 53 and 54 were added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-13, 16-31, 53 and 54, and indicated that claim 37 contained allowable subject matter. Claims 32-36 and 38-48 were rejected.

In this response, Applicants amend independent claim 32, and cancel claims 37 and 40-48. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claim 32 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 37, and claim 37 has been cancelled. Accordingly, independent claim 32 as amended, and its dependent claims 33-36, 38 and 39, are believed to be allowable.

Rejected claims 40-48 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the pending claims in the application, namely, claims 1-13, 16-36, 38, 39, 53 and 54, are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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